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The District Debt.
Auditor Timme's extraordinary note referring to the District estimates, printed in the news columns today, brings directly before Congress from the government's side of the case the financial predicament of the District. The auditor shows that the District is already in debt to the government on account of the deficit of the last fiscal year, that it is certain to become more deeply indebted this year as a result of the failure of the revenues to meet the swollen expenditures, and that certain liabilities will fall due from time to time in the future to make the debt still heavier. His figures show that if the responsibilities of the District to the government for the past and present fiscal years were all discharged, the present fiscal year's appropriations would need to be cut to a very low figure.

There is no reason whatever why the District's annual budget should be curtailed because of this debt balance against the capital. The District is in no wise responsible for that debt. The bulk of it has been incurred on account of the street extensions, the cost of which were thrown wholly upon the District without warrant in law or in equity. The District protested to the end against this violation of the organic act, and finally besought Congress, if it was bent upon ignoring the plea for an equal division of the cost, to drop the whole matter and leave the extensions for some later period. The present difficulty was foreseen and prophesied.

Congress insisted upon forcing this work upon the District, wholly at its expense, having already saddled the District with the burden of the cost of the aqueduct tunnel failure, for which the local government was in no wise accountable. Having thus placed a lien upon the District's revenues for years to come, it went further and legislated with reference to the street terminals in a manner that would require additional heavy and unjust drains upon the local resources. Now all these items are falling in at once and the District's balance sheet has been demoralized in consequence.

The immediate question is not whether Congress shall call a halt upon District appropriations, but in what manner it shall provide for the liquidation of this indebtedness, which is annually growing greater as the District's revenues are absorbed by its current needs while the extraordinary liabilities fall due. Congress can go far toward solving the problem by amending the legislative errors of the past, assuming half of the street extension cost, as it should have done at the outset. It might even, pursuing the path of justice without deviation, relieve the District of its unlawfully assumed liability. It might perhaps lessen the local burden of the railroad terminal improvements.

But whether it corrects the past mistakes or not, it must not curtail the annual appropriations, which today represent the absolute needs of the District, and for which the District stands ready to pay its just share at all times. Congress may choose, in financing the debt account, to pass a law authorizing a long-term, low-interest District bond issue, and an extension of the arrangement of a few months ago whereby the government advanced to the District the funds necessary to meet its needs. Whether by bonds or by a federal loan this problem is solved, the time of settlement is placed sufficiently far in the future to enable the District to meet all its obligations without an extraordinary strain and without being deprived in any degree of its annual allotment of money for schools, pavements, sewers, police and fire protection, and the various extensions of the public service which its natural growth and betterment require.

There is a movement on foot in army circles to have Daily West Point's wonderful quarter back, breveted a lieutenant general without further delay.

A Sham Nation.
The impulse is strong, especially in Washington, where his amiable personality is so conspicuously in evidence, to treat Minister Wu as a privileged character, a sort of licensed jester among diplomats, whose gibes at our customs, religion and laws are to be borne good-humoredly and disregarded with a smile. But there is after all a serious side to the situation as it concerns him and his relations to the American government and people.

The national tendency, quickened by the tragedy at Buffalo, is toward more rigid restriction than ever of immigration into the United States. Any change in the statutes on this subject will inevitably be in the direction of further protection of American life and national character and of the American workman and his home, by rigidly excluding from the body of the nation the elements which threaten blood poisoning and the conspiring combination of Chinese minister, Pacific transportation companies and employers seeking cheap labor cannot hope to prevent the re-enactment of the Geary law, but there has been danger that it might so delay this action that an interval would result between expiration of the law and re-enactment, a period to be utilized in pouring "chinkmen" into the United States and in flooding the near-by Philippines. No greater disaster could possibly be inflicted upon the Filipinos than this delay would involve. Its meaning to the workmen of the United States has been adequately described, and there is no need of repetition.

Minister Wu in accusing The Star of truckling to workmen, is in effect presenting his opinion of the national duty in this emergency knew of course that the charge was pointless against the newspaper representative of a community which has few factories and no voters. The charge is unmistakably directed in intent against the legislators who enacted the law to re-enact it, and the effect occupied by the White House, where the indictment was delivered, if he shall venture to express an opinion favorable to re-enactment.

The Chinese minister complains bitterly that his country is not treated like the other powers, and it follows that he would himself expect to be treated precisely like the representatives of these other powers. But what other minister or ambassador would within the walls of the White House or anywhere else make a stump speech, designed to influence congressional legislation, and which by direct inference accused President and Congress of demagogic truckling to the masses of American voters? Can one imagine the British ambassador denouncing by innuendo from the White House or Capitol steps an American administration for proposed legislation, attributing their course to a base desire to truckle to the Irish vote? Can we imagine the German

ambassador publicly declaiming against the modern Monroe doctrine as grossly unfair to his countrymen in South America, and challenging American editors to a joint debate with him upon this subject? And what would we do to the representative of a genuine foreign power who insisted that Tammany's defeated candidate for mayor, Edward M. Shepard, when questioned on the point in New York Mr. Shepard would neither deny nor confirm the report, but gave his approval to the resolutions.

Now observe. The first of the resolutions pronounces against trusts, on the proposition that protection is the mother of trusts. The argument is that in order to get rid of monopolistic trusts we must get rid of protection. But it so happens that Mr. Shepard is the attorney for the sugar trust, the biggest and most offensive of all trusts. Is it to be supposed that he is fighting his own client, or the clients of other lawyers who, as he does, take fees from trust sources? That does not seem likely. But could he render his client a better service than by advising action on a line calculated to keep the trust question in the arena of partisan politics? That is precisely what the trusts desire. That in large part explains why the trusts have never been headed off. The two parties have been set by the ears, and have been fighting each other instead of making common cause against a common enemy. Keep that and you play directly into the hands of the trusts. No wonder Mr. Shepard approves these resolutions, whether he drafted them or not.

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Today's Insular Decisions.
Today's decisions by the United States Supreme Court affecting the status of the insular possessions supplement and follow in the line of the decisions rendered in May last. The net result of today's decisions is that the Philippines are on the same footing with Porto Rico and that a specific enactment to that effect by Congress is unnecessary before any tariff duties can be collected on imports from the Philippines into the United States; and also that the Foraker act is valid in providing for the collection of duties in Porto Rico on goods imported into that country from the United States. Last spring the decisions sustained the validity of the Foraker act in point of the imports into the United States from Porto Rico. Now, by today's decision, the Dooley case, the validity of duties on imports into Porto Rico is established.

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Reference is made to the resolutions introduced by Mr. McMillan on New York at the democratic House caucus on Saturday. They are of the very essence of trouble, and the danger was instantly detected.

The influence of Mr. Richardson, who knows a hawk from a heronshaw in any weather and with the wind in any quarter, they were referred to a committee, and they will not be heard of again until a democratic caucus, which is appointed for January 10, takes them up. Then, in the

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